

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Notice of Intended Action--Chapter 107, Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting

The Commission is requested to approve this Notice to amend Chapter 107, Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting. These amendments change the starting date for the cottontail rabbit and squirrel hunting seasons to the Saturday before Labor Day.

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Administrator
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Attachment

March 8, 2007

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]
Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 107, "Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments change the starting date for the cottontail rabbit and squirrel hunting seasons to the Saturday before Labor Day.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before April 19, 2007. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau's website at www.iowadnr.com or may be sent to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515)281-6156 or at the Wildlife Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building. Also, there will be public hearings held at 18 locations via the Iowa Communications Network on April 19, 2007. Interested persons should contact the Department at (515)281-5918 for a list of hearing locations or go to the Department's website at www.iowadnr.com. Persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearings, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.5, 481A.6, 481A.8 and 481A.39.

The following amendment is proposed.

Item 1. Amend rule 571--107.1(481A) as follows:

571-107.1(481A) Cottontail rabbit season. Open season for hunting cottontail rabbits shall be from the Saturday before Labor Day ~~first day of September~~ through February 28 of succeeding year. Bag limit shall be 10 per day; possession limit 20. Legal hunting hours shall be from sunrise to sunset. Entire state open.

Item 2. Amend rule 571--107.3(481A) as follows:

571-107.3(481A) Squirrel season. Open season for hunting squirrels (fox and gray) shall be from the Saturday before Labor Day ~~first day of September~~ through January 31 of succeeding year. Bag limit shall be 6 squirrels per day; possession limit 12. Entire state open.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director